

MRS. PRENTIS AND HER FUND BOTH MISSING

Prince of Wales's Denial Results in Interesting Disclosures.

MANY DONORS REPORT ACTIVITIES OF WOMAN

The Prince of Wales's repudiation of Mrs. Berthe Prentis's bazaar and ball, which she had announced would be held at the Biltmore Hotel next week for the benefit of the Prince of Wales's national relief fund, was followed yesterday by almost eager disclosures of her efforts to win social success via "charity," and by the revelation that the police have been asked to investigate Mrs. Prentis's activities, but not by the discovery of the whereabouts of Mrs. Prentis or her husband, who hastily left the hotel yesterday and the Biltmore respectively about ten days ago.

Ralph M. Stuart, treasurer of the Prince of Wales National Relief Fund, is perhaps the most anxious of all to find Mrs. Prentis. He has had private detectives agency investigating her since frequent inquiries reached his office at 23 Broad street.

Mrs. Prentis came to him six weeks ago, he said, and proposed the ball and bazaar, which he discouraged because she had no social connections here. Later, when Mrs. Prentis had secured from the Biltmore the use of a room for an office of "The Prince of Wales National Relief Fund Bazaar and Ball," Mr. Stuart told the hotel management that she was not authorized to represent the fund.

"A letter came to this office," said Mr. Stuart, "from Lady Drummond, in Canada, saying that she had sent \$25 to the fund in care of Mrs. Prentis, and had received no acknowledgment. That money has never been turned in here. A well known bootmaker in Forty-second street said he had given her \$10, and had made a very expensive pair of shoes for the bazaar. He told me he knew of contributions from millions and various other dealers amounting to something like \$700. Finally, the Retail Trades Protective Association told me that Mrs. Prentis was trying to obtain credit at fashionable places about town. All other means failing, I sent a statement of the facts to the British Embassy in Washington, with the result that has appeared."

Belgian by Birth.

A private detective agency reported to Mr. Stuart that Mrs. V. of Berthe Prentis was originally Berthe Aerts, a Belgian by birth, who married Valentine Prentis, an Englishman. In her solicitations for the bazaar and ball she mentioned the Prince of Wales National Relief Fund and had elaborate letterheads and invitations. A Brooklyn hotel looked up the Montreal references she gave when she visited there in the interest of another bazaar and found them unsatisfactory. The address where she is said to have lived in Montreal, 168 Mansfield street, is said to be that of a boarding house.

Mr. Stuart displayed a copy of "Power and Country" for this week, which contains under "Receptions, Dances, &c.," a long notice about the bazaar and ball for November 6, 7 and 8, the last being the date of the ball. It reads: "A bazaar for the benefit of war refugees of all nations under the auspices of the Prince of Wales Relief Fund, Biltmore Hotel; among those on the committee of arrangement are Mrs. Berthe Prentis, Mrs. James R. Bartholomew, Mrs. Russell Law, Mrs. Walter A. Crose, Oliver Morosco, Harry H. Frazee, Walter Scott, John F. McClann, Gustav Dutoit, Hiram Walker, Mrs. Helen Hartley Jenkins, Mrs. Winifred Harper Cooley, Mrs. Charles R. Farnell, Mrs. Charles Winch, Miss Noyes Moran McNeil, Miss Mary Shaw and Miss Rita Jolivet."

Here are some of the repudiations: Mrs. Cooley says she had nothing to do with the affair; Mrs. Winch declined to be a patroness because she did not know any of the sponsors; Mr. Scott would not interest himself in it because he was too busy on the railroad committee; Mrs. Bartholomew refused to let the Women's Political Union engage in the affair in any way; Mrs. Law was not a patroness or committee member, and Mrs. Farnell had declined to have anything to do with the bazaar and ball.

It was learned that some of the elaborate embossed stationery donated for the "cause" was sent to Mrs. Charles S. Whitman, Mrs. Robert Adamson, Mrs. Marion Welch and many other prominent women in this city while Mrs. Prentis was at her "office" in the Biltmore and living at the Waldorf. The latter hotel, according to Manager McMahon, made its donation three weeks room rent to Mr. and Mrs. Prentis. They left ten days ago with two small hand bags, their only baggage, and had not appeared since. They had paid for their extras.

Various Experiences.

Mrs. Welch said last night that she saw two letters from the British Ambassador wishing her success with her work, many cablegrams from England, a letter purporting to come from C. Arthur Pearson, joint secretary of the Prince of Wales fund, and other letters. Mrs. Welch said she thought that the latter hotel, under the impression that something was coming to her in the way of a percentage of the receipts, but this, it was explained to her, was impossible in New York.

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MYSTERIOUS SPECULATOR'S PROXY INDICTED AS FORGER

Lowden, Well Known in Wall Street, Accused of Getting Credit of \$75,000 Bad Stocks From Brokers in Name of "Frank E. Weston."

George H. Lowden, a resident of Hempstead, L. I., formerly employed by Talbot J. Taylor and other well known brokers, is under indictment, charged with having maintained a speculative account with the firm of Ehrlich & Co. by means of forged stock certificates of an old stock issue of the Laclede Gas Company of St. Louis. Technically he is charged with having got the credit on one share certificate, but back of this one certificate are nine others, making, according to the statements of detectives in the Tombs police court yesterday, an aggregate of \$75,000, figuring on the last exchange quotation on the stock.

A mysterious second man, as frequently occurs in cases of this character, appears in the Lowden case. His name is given as "Frank A. Weston." No one connected with the case but Lowden himself says there is such an individual in existence.

Lowden, who was a valued employee of several brokerage houses up to about two years ago, knew William H. Ehrlich of Ehrlich & Co., 67 Exchange place, and was highly respected. After Talbot J. Taylor & Co. went out of existence Lowden was welcome at the office. Because of his ability to influence wealthy friends he was considered a valuable connection.

About two years ago he told Mr. Ehrlich he had a wealthy friend, Weston, who operated actively in the street. He was a quiet man for all that, but he, Lowden, could swing his account to Ehrlich & Co. Weston did not call at the office, but a week or so later Lowden, according to the testimony, appeared at Ehrlich & Co., where he laid down a 100 share certificate of the Laclede Gas Company, which had a par value of \$100 a share. It was in proper form, duly attested and indorsed in blank with the signature of "Frank A. Weston."

Lowden said he had orders from Weston to have certain deals executed and gave the orders. They were executed. The account continued active until the Stock Exchange closed on July 31. Sometimes the account was closed and sometimes it was not. Lowden reported that the principal desired to be paid in cash. This was done and always there was returned a receipt duly executed by Weston.

Sometimes the account went low and then there was always a new 100 share certificate of the gas company. Weston's speculations were unfortunate just before the European war began and more certificates appeared until ten were in the possession of the brokers.

Then the brokers sent a certificate to the trust company for transfer. That led to a visit to the District Attorney's office. An indictment was found on Wednesday, but fear that Lowden might take alarm.

caused his arrest by detectives and his arraignment before the Magistrate yesterday morning. He will be arraigned on a bench warrant this morning.

As it was explained yesterday, the Laclede Gas Company increased its capital stock three or four years ago. A rule of the Stock Exchange requires that all certificates shall set forth the total amount of the capital stock and therefore an old book of certificates became worthless. All of the certificates in the possession of Lowden & Co. are of the old series.

The great mystery yesterday was how Lowden or Weston or any other person got access to that book. It is no longer known where it is, but it has not been destroyed. There are blank certificates torn out, but whether they were gone before the trust company got the book originally or afterward no one knows.

"They are the boldest sort of forgers," it was said at the trust company yesterday. At the office of Ehrlich & Co. it was said that no statement could be made until all investigations are completed.

HENRY L. L. Oct. 28—George H. Lowden is a member of one of the oldest families of Long Island and moves in exclusive social circles here.

He is a well known golfer and was one of the organizers of the Midland Golf Club of Garden City, which purchased for a clubhouse and golf course the former home of Frank Grey, of the Meadow Brook Club at East Williston.

Mr. Lowden is the son-in-law of Alanson Abrams, a former receiver of taxes of Hempstead and one of the best known residents of Nassau county.

FLAGG SHOWS JURY HIS "SYSTEM" CHART

Asserts He Made \$5,000,000 in Wall Street Easily by Means of It.

R. E. LEAVITT A WITNESS

By means of a chart and a text book Jared Flagg, who is acting as his own lawyer before Judge Rudkin in the United States District Court, expounded to the jurors his particular system of beating the stock market game—a system, he said, which had made \$5,000,000 in Wall Street for him easily.

The chart used by Flagg was thirty feet wide and six feet high and registered the fluctuations of Steel common from the time that stock was listed to the closing of the exchange on July 30, 1914. It was intended primarily to illustrate Flagg's psychological explanation of the principle guiding the fluctuation of stock. The text book he referred to was none other than his own much talked of book, "How to Make Money in Wall Street."

Judge Rudkin told the jurors they should disregard any testimony as to the legality or illegality of the Flagg system. This leaves the jury to decide whether Flagg actually used his customers' money as he advertised or whether, as the Government charges, he never actually dealt in stocks. If they arrive at the latter conclusion, they will then have to determine whether or not Flagg used the mails to promote his business, as he is under indictment for a violation of the postal laws.

"If my customers had adhered to my system from 1909 to the present time," said Flagg, "they would have made an average profit of 61 per cent. I shall prove that I made \$100,000 for my customers in the three years preceding the raid. The Government says I didn't follow my system. If that is so, then what did I do with the \$1,000,000 capital and why did I maintain an office employing sixty clerks? If my system wasn't honest, why did I put every cent my father and mother gave me into it?"

"The Government admits that I drew only \$5,000 a year. Where did I spend the rest—surely not on automobiles or building castles."

Flagg's first witness was R. E. Leavitt of the failed firm of Leavitt & Grant, with which Flagg had an account. Mr. Leavitt testified that the essential difference between Flagg's system and others was that Flagg always won. Later he admitted on cross-examination by the Government that he had previously told Assistant United States Attorney Claude A. Thompson that Flagg had no system and that he invariably lost in his trades. The trial will go on at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

SYND CHOOSES FOUR WOMEN.

Miss Anne Morgan Among Those on Episcopalian Committee.

The Synod of the Province of New York and New Jersey of the Protestant Episcopal Church yesterday closed its three days session, in Holy Trinity Church, Brooklyn. There was a discussion on social service and Sunday amusements, many of the speakers favoring outdoor sports in a limited way.

Four women were chosen to serve on two of the committees which will carry on the work of the Synod until its next meeting in January, 1916. They are Miss Anne Morgan and Mrs. J. Borden Harrison of New York and Miss Harriet Townsend of New Jersey, who are to serve in the social service committee, and Abby Porter Leland, Ph. D., of New York on the religious education committee.

Bishop Edwin S. Lines of Newark, N. J., was elected president of the organization for six years, the Rev. Roy P. Duffield of Garden City, L. I., secretary, and A. B. Houghton of Corning, N. Y., treasurer.

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